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Chicago, Ill.  
May 19, 1931.

Mrs. A. R. Markle,  
Terre Haute, Ind.

My dear Mr. Markle - I want  
you to pardon me for not ac-  
knowledging the receipt of the  
information you so kindly gathered  
for me - life's too swift for me.

Should you find anything further  
on James Adair or the Hollands would  
you take the Vol. and page where  
found.

I hope to make you some recompense  
for your trouble.

I should like to know the date of  
the S. A. R. ceremony at the grave

of James Adair as soon as it  
is arranged as it will govern  
the rest of my summer.

Sincerely

Florence R. Wolfe

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6842 Payton Ave.

Chicago, Ill.

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GEN.

January 11, 1936.

Mrs. Florence R. Wolfe, 476 Park Avenue,  
Glencoe, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Wolfe:

I am glad to have yours of the 9th enclosing  
the data on Isaac and James Adair and the authority given.

I have always held firmly to the belief that we were  
right and that the others who erroneously entered on the  
record of the other James Adair should look more closely to  
the records.

I have the greater part of the records of the tomb-  
stones in the Braysville Cemetery as well as some others in  
other cemeteries in Franklin County.

I do not have anything from that one on Lucretia Adair  
as coming from ~~that~~ a stone there.

I do have the following from there though:

Eliza Ann Adair	d Mar. 9, 1857	a 33-	3-18.
Isaac Adair	d Aug. 18, 1852	60----	14.
Jane)Holland)	d Jan. 25, 1881	a 81----	13.
John Wildridge	d Apr. 25, 1848	a 59-	5-27.
Lucretia(Adair)	d Sep. 18, 1870	in her 76th year.	
Ralph Wildridge	b 1806	d	1850.
Eliza	b	1815	d 1885.
Ralph Wildridge	d Dec. 14, 1828	a 64-	8-18.
Elizabeth	b Oct. 29, 1794	d June 17,	1838.
Fannie Rockafellar	b Feb. 10, 1853	d Dec. 20,	1919.

These Franklin County marriages may be interesting:

Martha Rockafekkar	m Jan. 6, 1820	Ralph Ryley
Sarah Rockafellar	m Jan. 18, 1818	William Klum.
Elijah Eads	m Apr. 18, 1813	Lucy Ann Hutchinson.

Sometime when I can raise the money for gas and  
food, I am going to cover all of the cemeteries in old Frank-  
lin County, unless someone else can be found to do it.

It is a shame that the descendants of those pioneer  
ancestors who still live in the county can not get up energy  
enough to do the work that should be done now, before it is  
too late.

Yours truly,

GEN.

Glenore, Ill.

Jan. 9, 1936

Mr. Q. R. Markle

Terre Haute, Ind.

My Dear Mr. Markle — I had planned to start in earnest this month to get data on great grandfather, James Adair, but while I was "barking" in the cold winds of the west coast this summer, Mrs. Ruth Peterson of Detroit beat me to it.

I am sending a copy of the record she sent me. Sorry I do not have access to ~~the~~ a type writer. Maybe you will send Judge Remy a copy.

You will see the name James Montgomery, justice of the peace. He was the father of Rebecca Montgomery, wife of James Adair, hence he is my great great grandfather. All the descendants of Rebecca M. Adair are entitled to credit on their D.A.R. records for his Civil Service.

James Adair came to Indiana in 1801. Among the party was Robert Hanna and all

his children. His son <sup>Joseph</sup> had married Sarah Adair in S. Carolina.

So I know the mother of James Adair was Sarah Lafferty instead of Hannah. The latter, Hannah, I got thru Charlie Nye.

Mrs. Peterson got the Date of Lucretia Adair's birth from the tombstone in a cemetery in Dearborn Co. Ind. I never thot of her being ~~born~~ buried there when her children and she herself lived at Richmond. This cemetery is about two miles below the village of New Trenton, Ind.

My grandparents and some of their children are buried there.

Did you notice in Will Rogers' obituary that one of his names was Adair? Great grandfather had two cousins who married Cherokee Indian women.

I think your S.A.R. James Adair descendants will want to correct their records. I knew when I saw that Washington D.C. record it was not our James Adair.

Sincerely  
Florence R. Wolfe

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Historical Commission of South Carolina.

A.S. Salley, Secretary

Columbia, South Carolina.

Oct. 17, 1934

Mrs. Ruth Peterson,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

The records entered on the stubs in Books O-Q and R-T. refer to James Adair of that Part of Ninety Six District which was formed into Laurens County in 1785. The two accounts audited are signed by him and the handwriting is the same.

The account of which there is a stub record in Book O-Q shows service done under Colonel James Williams. The one in Book R-T does not show who the service was done under. Colonel Robert Anderson was a member of the Commission appointed by the General Assembly to settle the accounts with the soldiers and other claimants of the Revolution. He collected the records of the regiments of Ninety Sixth District and

made a return showing what was due each man.

According to this return, James Adair was then due 556 pounds currency. We have the account and I can have photostats for you at \$1.50. These show the hand writing and the exact service, except in the case of the account returned by Anderson.

The account in Book U-W was for James Adair, Jr., for 200 wt. of flour and a horse lost in Augusta in May, 1779. The flour was received of James Adair, Jr., by Joseph Adair, Deputy Commissary of Casey's Regiment. In a work on the Adairs gotten out by a Californian he interpreted the Deputy Commissary as D Company because it is abbreviated. I can furnish you with photostats of that account for \$1.25. The affidavits of James Adair the elder, were made before James Montgomery, Justice of the Peace.

Yours Very Truly

(signed) A.S. Salkey



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NASHVILLE, TENN.

July 9, 1931

Dear Keister;

Will you bring with you  
to the Board Meeting Tuesday the following  
information from application of Judge Charles  
A. Penny?

Rank of James Adair (Private re. ~~Regt. State~~)

Reference as to service.

Military Record (If lengthy bring the  
applications and I will copy it.)

C. H. Smith writes that he must have all  
this before he can order the bronze worker  
for the Patriots' grave at Brookville and  
sends me the blanks to fill out - nothing  
has been done in preparation and only a  
month remains of the time.

Yours A. P. Markle



James Adair Sr b. Bucks Co Pa May 8, 1752

Served 3 mo. as private in 1776 under Col  
Thomas Neil of S.C. & Capt Drake Ross.

Again in 1776 as private for 3 mo. under  
Col David Hoppins & Capt John Mc Cool.

Again as private for 2 mo. under same  
officers in 1777

He draws a pension in the later year  
of his life, as evidenced by certificate  
of H. Clay Evans, Pension Commissioner  
which certificate is attached hereto  
(Lost J. F. C.)

Chas. F. Remy b. Feb 25, 60 Bartholomew Co Ind  
Son of Calvin J. Remy of Columbus, Ind.  
and Miranda Essex

gds on of John D. Remy of Hope Ind &  
Nancy Jones

gds on James Remy & Rebecca Adair

g<sup>2</sup> gds on James Adair & Rebecca Montgomery.

GEN.

August 4, 1931.

Mr. George Ade,  
Hazelton Farm,  
Brook, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Ade:

If you have never been bitten by the genealogy "bug" you can not know the interest a victim takes in the families and forebears of everybody and I thank you for what you have given me and come back for more.

I would like to have the name of your mother and her mother with the dates of birth, death and marriage for it is evident that the latter was the sister of Lucinda Adair who married Joseph Meeks and became the mother of the late Lucinda Meeks of Brookville.

As you do not know of any kinship with Warren McCray, it would seem that he is related through another sister or a brother of your grandmother, because if through your grandmother, you would be first cousins and while a genealogist finds some startling facts as to the ignorance of the modern generation of their origin, we seldom find that they do not know their cousins.

Many applicants to societies such as the SAR and DAR do not have the maiden name of the mother and cases are known where the given name of the father is not known but these are exceptions and one generally knows the names of all grandparents and sometimes all eight great grand parents are known. Information back of that generation seems to qualify one as a genealogist of parts.

The ladies (God bless them) pay good money to have the line run back to the musty archives of the Mayflower and if they are unable to remember later who this ancestor was, they are already in the Colonial Dames or "what have you" and it can all be forgotten again.

I have written Mr. McCray and hope to uncover a kinship with James Adair there.

You are, of course, eligible to membership in the SAR and if it appeals to you, I will be glad to fill out your application and vouch for you as genealogist. Speaking for the Society, we would like to have you on our rolls.

Yours truly,

GEN.

August 4, 1931.

Mr. Warren McCray,  
Kentland, Indiana.

Dear Mr. McCray:

At Brookfield next Sunday, the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, of which I am the Genealogist, is to place its bronze marker over the grave of James Adair (1747-1831) a Revolutionary Soldier, of whom you are said to be a descendant.

This line of yours is without names and dates but on the authority of Lucinda Meeks, daughter of Lucinda Adair who was the wife of Joseph Meeks and a grand daughter of James Adair.

The particular son of James Adair the father of Lucinda is supposed to have been named Joseph, but we are without information other than a vague recollection of some one and the support given by the fact that James Adair had a brother Joseph and that was also his father's name.

A sister of Lucinda (Adair) Meeks, was the grandmother of George Ade and apart from your wife, he does not know of any possible relationship, least of all on the Adair side.

If you can give us any information to support the kinship with the Adairs, I will be glad to have it or to help you to identify the line.

Lucinda Meeks and George Ade's mother were first cousins, grand-daughters of the un-named son of James Adair and if you have any Adair line through this same sister of Lucinda Adair, it would seem that Mr. Ade should know of the relationship.

Therefore it is possible that Lucinda Adair Meeks had a brother or sister who headed your line and such information is very interesting to a genealogist.

I would like very much to have the names of your grandparents and great grand parents so far as you can give them that I might follow up this line of descent.

Yours very truly,

GEN.

1527 Virginia Park,  
Detroit, Michigan.  
March 14, 1934.

Mr. A. R. Markle,  
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Markle:

I have before me your letter of December 17th.

You asked about my visit to Mrs. Wolfe at Glencoe in September. She gave me a list of the children of James and Rebecca Montgomery Adair, as told her by her grandmother, Jane Holland Adair, who had lived in the home of James & Rebecca Adair before her marriage to their youngest son, Isaac. My great, great grandmother, Margaret Adair, who married John Ewing, was their oldest child, and she married at the age of 14, according to an interesting little story told Mrs. Wolfe by her grandmother.

I also made several visits to Newberry Library while in Chicago. I found a Clinton County, Indiana, History, which gave a biographical sketch of Thomas Ewing, brother to my great grandmother, Isabelle Ewing Skinner. This sketch gave the death date of their father, John Ewing, as 7/23/1828, at the age of 50 (making his birth date 1778), and the death date of their mother, Margaret Adair Ewing as 5/11/1866, at the age of 82 (making her birth date 1784. These death dates correspond with the dates I already had, but I did not know their ages at the time of their deaths. Mrs. Wolfe said Margaret Adair was married at the age of 14, which would bring this event in 1798. According to Mrs. Wolfe, Margaret Adair's husband was several years older than herself, and you see that according to these birth years there is a difference of six to almost eight years, according to the time of year each may have been born. I meant to say, in the fore part of this paragraph, that Thomas Ewing, referred to above, was one of the founders of Rossville, Indiana.

In our own library here I found a sketch of John Adair, brother to My great, great grandmother, Margaret Adair Ewing, "who had removed from South Carolina to Brookville at an early date and opened the Adair Hotel". He died in 1831, but my Grandmother Skinner, who will be 86 to-morrow, says that Grandfather used to often speak of his second cousin John Adair, and his mother, Aunt Sallie Adair, who lived on Boundary Hill Farm near Brookville. This second cousin John was the son of the first-mentioned John Adair, and 'Aunt Sallie' was his wife, Sallie Trusler Adair. This cousin John Adair has children and grandchildren still living in or near Brookville.

So you see I have found the dates for John and Margaret Ewing that I was looking for, and also established that Margaret was the daughter of the James and Rebecca Adair buried in Brookville.

I would like to send in the Revolutionary War record of James Adair for a supplemental D.A.R. line. Judge Remy told me that he obtained a record of his service from the Pension Dept. in

Washington. I received a copy of the pension application of the only James Adair (Adare, so-spelled on the application) on record in their office, but it does not seem to me that this record can apply to our James Adair. This pension application was executed October 24, 1832, at which time this James Adare was living in Chester District, South Carolina. According to the monument erected by Judge Remy at Brookville, our James Adair died March 23, 1831, at which time he was living in Brookville, Indiana, and had been living there since about 1800, according to information given me. Also, the applicant for this pension gave his birth date as May 8, 1752, whereas, if he was 83 years and 4 months old at the time of his death in 1831, our ancestor must have been born in 1747.

In a D.A.R. lineage book, I found the p.A.R. record of Dinnie Palmer Werking (Mrs. Walter R.) of Anderson, Indiana, who is a second cousin of Judge Remy's. She has gone into the D.A.R. on the record of James Adair, and has used the service recorded in the pension application referred to above, just as I received it from Washington, but you can see how inconsistent it is. She went into the D.A.R. in 1912.

I have assumed that Judge Remy went into the S.A.R. on this same record, and as he told me that you made out his papers for him, I am appealing to you to help me straighten this out. Mrs. Wolfe also received a copy of this pension record from Washington, just the same as the one I received, and they also told her it was the only one on file in their bureau. She also feels that it does not cover the services of our James Adair. I wrote a letter to Mrs. Werking March 11th of last year, but received no reply. In her D.A.R. application she gave the dates of James Adair as 1752-1835, and the wife of James Adair as Hannah Netherton, another erroneous statement. She also descended through the daughter Rebecca (1786-1867) who m. in 1804 James Remy (1784-1838), the same as Judge Remy did.

I do hope you will be able to straighten us out on this point.

My Grandfather Skinner's brother Thomas married Catherine Bell in 1856. Her sister Henrietta Bell was the second wife of a Henry Remy, and Grandmother says she thinks this Henry Remy was a cousin of Grandfather's, though I do not know the connection.

But enough of the Adairs - and just a few lines about the Ewings, if I may! Grandfather Skinner always said that the famous Senator Thomas Ewing (1789-1871) was a cousin. I have not been able to find the connection between that branch of the Ewing family, and ours. I do not know any farther back than the husband of Margaret Adair - John Ewing, born 1778, died 7/23/1828, age 50. Do you know anything about the Ewing genealogy? I know that some of Thomas Ewing's line settled in Perry County, Indiana. That branch of the family originally came from New Jersey, later settling in Ohio, from which state Thomas Ewing served, with very great distinction, in the U.S. Senate. I would certainly like to find the connection between the two branches of the family, for Senator Thomas Ewing's branch has been traced back to both the Revolutionary War and immigrant ancestors.

And my third Brookville line - Skinner - I have already traced back to the Revolutionary War man, Thomas Skinner, who served in Delaware, coming to Indiana soon after the Revolutionary War.

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The older Skinners are buried at Ebenezer Churchyard, Bloomingrove., Franklin County, Indiana.

I was much interested in your account of the small slips of paper, about 2 x 8 inches, in the attic of the courthouse at Brookville. I know just what you mean, for this Winter I have been Vice-Chairman of our D.A.R. Vital Records Committee, and we have been copying and indexing the old marriage records of the very early 1800's in our County Bldg. They are on just such slips of paper as you mention. Last Fall, up till the time of cold weather, we copied the names and dates from the stones in our oldest cemetery. This data has all been typewritten, indexed, and bound - three separate sets - one for our own genealogical library here, one to our State Capitol, Lansing, and the third to the D.A.R. National Headquarters at Washington.

The same thing certainly should be done to those records at Brookville. No telling what might be found among them! I wish I could help you finance it, but I cannot. Money has been very scarce at our house for the past year and a half, but I will give you a couple of names of persons who might be sufficiently interested to help - my uncle, Dean J. H. Skinner, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, who would be interested especially in the Ewing line, and Miss Christine Rauch, of Romney, Indiana, who is a third cousin of mine. She is also interested in the Ewing line, and is descended through Thomas Ewing, a son of John and Margaret Adair Ewing. This Thomas Ewing married Elizabeth Ferguson.

I was also interested in your story of Daniel Teagarden, who appeared in the index as Daniel T. Garden. It's a wonder you ever found him at all! I noticed on a map of Indiana a small town called Teegarden in the northern part of the State.

I trust I have not wearied you too much with my ancestors! When I started to write this I had no idea it would be so long.

I should have mentioned above that Mrs. Wolfe told me she had offered to help finance a search of the records at Brookville.

I certainly trust you will be able to straighten out the Revolutionary service for James Adair for me, and also hope you will be able to give me some suggestions on the Ewing family. I will be eagerly awaiting your reply.

Please note my change of address. You used the stamped addressed envelope I had sent you some time ago for your letter of December 17th, and it contained my old address.

Very truly yours,

*Beth S. Peterson*  
(Mrs. J. R.)

GEN.

446 N. Golden Gate Ave.  
Detroit, Michigan.  
May 27, 1933.

Mr. A. R. Markle,  
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Sir:

My great, great grandmother was Margaret Adair, wife of John Zwing. They lived in Brookville Ind. having come from South Carolina in the early days. I have her death dated as 5/11/1855, and her husband's as 7/22/1828.

Judge Charles F. Remy of Indianapolis tells me he is sure she is the oldest child of James Adair Revolutionary soldier who served in South Carolina, and who is buried at Brookville with his wife, Rebecca Montgomery.

Inasmuch as two people have gone into the D. A. R. on the record of this James Adair and neither he listed a daughter Margaret, I

will have to find some documentary evidence<sup>\*\*\*</sup> that she was a daughter of this James Adair, and Judge Remy thought you might be able to advise me as to this. A friend in Brookville also told me that you had gathered much data on the Adair line at the time of the dedication of the monument to this Revolutionary man, in Brookville, two years<sup>or so</sup> ago. Can you tell me if my great, great grandmother was the daughter of this James Adair and where such information is on record.

My great grandmother was Isabel Ewing, who married John Skinner, also of Brookville. The Skinners also came to Indiana (first Dearborn Co. then Franklin Co.) a few years



and thought you might  
be able to give it to me.

Do you know whether or not  
John Givins, who died in 1828  
and is probably buried in  
the old cemetery at Brookville  
was a Revolutionary soldier?

I understand that my  
great great grandfather, <sup>Thomas Skinner</sup> buried  
at Spenezer Churchyard, Blooming-  
ton, Franklin Co. Ind., served with  
the Delaware troops.

Trusting you will be able to  
clear up this affair line for me,  
I am,

Sincerely,

Ruth Skinner Peterson

P.S. - I am enclosing a stamped,  
self-addressed envelope for  
your reply.

after the Revolutionary War  
and some of the older ones  
are buried in Ebenezer Churchyard,  
Bloominggrove.

Have you any data on  
the Goring line? I am  
also interested in that.

Hoping you will be able to  
advise me regarding this Adair  
line, I am

Very truly yours,

Buth S. Peterson.

I already belong to the D.D.R.,  
but would like to use the  
Adair as a supplementary  
line — also the Goring. I have  
the Skinner line back to the  
Revolutionary man.

446 W. Goldengette Ave.  
Detroit, Michigan  
June 8, 1933.

My dear Mr. Markle:

This is to supplement my letter  
to you of May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Charles F. Remy of Indianapolis  
is in our City for a few days,  
and I had a visit with him  
and his wife yesterday. He said  
he was sure you could definitely  
establish for me the fact that  
my great, great grandmother  
Margaret Adair, who married  
John Ewing, was the daughter  
of James Adair, Revolutionary  
soldier buried at Brookville.  
My Adair, Ewing and Skinner  
ancestors are all buried in or  
near Brookville, and I know,  
too, that the Adairs + Ewings  
came from South Carolina.

Mr. Remy told me several months ago that he had quite a distinct memory of being told that one of the Adair girls married a Ewing and that there was no doubt in his mind that James Adair was also my ancestor. But I have to have some sort of proof of it to use as a D.G.R. supplemental line.

At the time that he referred me to you, he also referred me to Mrs. Florence R. Wolfe, a relative in Chicago, who he said he thought had all the data and had given it to you. But he did not know Mrs. Wolfe's address.

December 17, 1933.

Mrs. Z. R. Peterson,  
446 W. Goldengate Ave.  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

I intended to write you after you had met Mrs. Wolfe to ask whether you had obtained anything of value on your Margaret Adair line but delayed doing so.

I am trying to find means to cover the expense of a search of the old papers in the attic at Brookville.

Most of the marriage records before 1840 consist of small slips of paper about two by eight inches and many of them have never been indexed or even entered in book form.

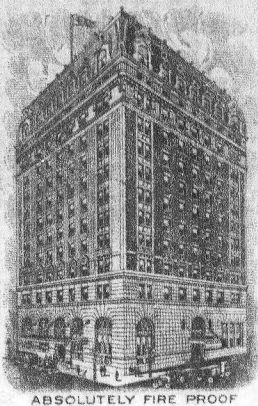
Hundreds of them are still lying in disorder and in some cases widely scattered, each succeeding clerk seeming to have his own notion as to their proper placing.

The will records are not much better and it is among such papers that many of our family histories are lost.

I found last summer the record of my grand father's marriage in Franklin County when tradition had them as married before leaving Pennsylvania and a will of Daniel T. Garden proves to be of the Teagarden family for which we have hunted for a long time, never suspecting the index being faulty.

The present index contains only one Adair (John) and one Ewing (Mary) before 1820 and there must have been many of these two families married there by that date.

I want ten subscribers at Ten Dollars or twenty at Five to



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Portland, Oregon April 13, 1931

Mr. A. R. Markle,  
P.O. Box 506,  
Terre Haute, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Markle:

Inclosed find a letter which reached me at San Francisco a day or two ago and which was sent to me by mistake. Evidently, the letter you intended for me was sent to this party.

I note with interest the ceremony which you expect to have in Franklin County next summer, and I assure you that I shall be glad to attend, if possible. I have never investigated our Adair Line but I am interested and I will have you take this up for me sometime later. I am decended from James Adair thru my Grandmother Nye whose maiden name was Rebecca Wildridge.

Thanking you for your letter, and with best wishes I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*Harry G. Nye*

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